

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

1. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiraly et al. (“Kiraly,” U.S. Patent No. 6,324,511. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of selecting and presenting user customizable preferences and recites:

providing a display having user preference selections, the user preferences selections including a customizable selection;

receiving a customized user preference selection as an input to the customizable selection; and

presenting the customized user preference selection in the display of user preference selections along with the customizable selection.

Independent claims 10 is directed to a user interface configured to select and present user customizable preferences and recites:

means for providing a display having user preference selections, the user preferences selections including a customizable selection;

means for receiving a customized user preference selection; and

means for presenting the customized user preference selection along with the customizable selection in the user preference selections.

Independent claim 17 is directed to a processing system and recites. Among other limitations:

a storage device coupled to a processor and having stored there information for configuring the CPU to:

provide a display having a customizable user preference selection in a user preference selection list;

receive a customized user preference selection; and

present the customized user preference selection along with the customizable user preference selection entry in the user preference selection list

As discussed in the specification, the system and method for selecting and presenting user customizable preferences allows a user to see what has been set as a custom preference without having to go into secondary dialog boxes. See page 2, paragraph [0005]. In an exemplary embodiment, a drop down box of user specified preferences may include, for example, a number of selections for percentage of image compression, such as 100%, 75%, 50% and in addition a Custom preference selection. See, Figure 2, page 5, paragraph [0020]. A user may select the “Custom” preference selection and enter a value, for example, 61%, to specify a user-defined preference. See, Figure 2 and Figure 4, page 5, paragraph [0020]. Once the custom value has been entered, the custom value is presented on the display, for example, in parenthesis next to the “Custom” preference selection. See, Figure 4, page 6, paragraph [0024]. Accordingly, the user is able to see the value set as the customized user preference selection in the drop down box (or user preference selection list). See, Figure 4, paragraph [0024]. In other words, the user preferences selection display or menu is modified so that the custom preference value input by the user is readily visible.

In contrast, Kiraly does not teach or suggest providing a display having user preference selections including a customizable selection, receiving a customized user preference selection as an input to the customizable selection and presenting the customized user preference selection in the display of user preference selections along with the customizable selection. Rather, Kiraly discloses a system and method of providing language assistance to a computer user with dyslexia, reading disabilities or visual impairment that includes a control interface that allows the user to customize parameters of the system. See, Kiraly, Abstract, Figures 5a-7, col. 3, lines 11-19, col. 6, line 64 to col. 7, line 2 and col. 8,

lines 46-56. Various graphical user interfaces, for example, the user interface shown in Figures 5a, 5b, 6 and 7, may be used to customize parameters of the system such as the size of the font, the color of the highlighted text, the volume of the synthesized speech, etc. See, Kiraly, Figures 5a-7, col. 6, lines 64-67, col. 12, lines 29-31, col. 12, lines 66-67, col. 13, lines 33-36 and col. 14, lines 21-24. For example, a user may click on a "highlight window" button 520 in a toolbar 500 to activate/deactivate a highlighter feature or a popup menu window 555 may be viewed by clicking a menu button 550. See, Figure 5a, col. 12, lines 35-37 and lines 52-54. There is, however, no teaching or suggestion in Kiraly of providing a customizable selection in a display of user preference selections and presenting a customized user preference selection (input by a user) and the customizable selection in the display of user preference selections. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are believed to be allowable over Kiraly.

Claims 2-9 depend from independent claim 1 and incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons the same reasons as given above with respect to claim 1. Claims 11-16 depend from independent claim 10 and incorporate all of the limitations of claim 10 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons, the same reasons as given above with respect to claim 10. Claims 18-20 depend from independent claim 17 and incorporate all of the limitations of claim 17 and are therefore allowable over Kiraly for, among other reasons, the same reasons as given above with respect to claim 17.

Accordingly, claims 1-20 are believed to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

2. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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